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PROJECT SUN STREAK

WARNING NOTICE: INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

PROJECT NUMBER: 8808

SESSION NUMBER: 08

DATE OF SESSION: 21 MAY 88

DATE OF REPORT: 24 May 88

START: 1400

END: 1510

METHODOLOGY: CRV

VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 003

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Determine if USMC LTC Higgins is aboard a vessel off the western coast of Lebanon as previously reported; if affirmative, describe the vessel.

2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Tasking as in Para 1, above.

3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No Inclemencies noted.

4. (S/NF/SK): EVALUATION:

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Site involves a hard, rusty dim, dark, hot, smelly, stuffy structure moving sluggishly on water; there is a throbbing, rhythmic sound that is so low it's almost only a vibration that is suggestive of monotonously running machinery. Grey, black, and reddish/orangish streaks are primary colors, along with dingy white. Red, green and white are also significant colors. Structure, perhaps a vessel, is plodding, nondescript, pushing, gasping, wheezing, low budget, like it's old and worn out. Doesn't stand out, aims to appear innocent. It's very nondescriptness is considered an asset. "Flag of convenience" is a concept associated here. Seemingly commercial. A person associated with it is in dim, stuffy circumstances--cooped up. Other people are here with apparent weapons--but usually only present one at a time. There may be five of these types. Two groups are present--those who belong with this "vessel", and those who are temporarily here w/subject of interest. AOL/S of an AKM. Keeping this "vessel" wandering aimlessly while appearing to be going somewhere all the time is difficult to continue doing, but no plans are present to put back in to port. idea is to keep subject away from upheaval where he might get "lost" from those who have him. AOL/S Tyre. Person seems to have his time divided between a small, stuffy dark room in built-up portion (superstructure) of "vessel" and a larger, darker, hollower deep down in portion of it.

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1. PROJECT: 8808.
2. ENCRYPTED COORDINATES: 561191/517240.
3. BACKGROUND: Recent efforts indicated that USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins was being held captive, probably aboard a vessel located offshore of the coast of Lebanon. Additional operational data is needed in support of possible follow-up action in this case.
4. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION:
 - a. Access Higgins and determine if Higgins is currently being held captive aboard ship at the offshore location previously determined.
 - b. Access and describe the vessel used to hold Higgins captive.
 - (1) Estimate dimensions.
 - (2) Colors.
 - (3) Significant features.
 - c. Determine if Higgins will be at the target area on Monday (23 May 88), Tuesday (24 May 88) and Wednesday (25 May 88).
 - d. How and when are the captors getting on or off the target vessel.

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